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LETTER TO FDA

Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration ATTN: Docket #98N-0044 c/o Michael Friedman, M.D. Lead Deputy Commissioner 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20857-0001

Dear Dr. Friedman,

I am writing to notify you that FDA's proposed rulemaking on structure/function claims, 21 CFR Part 101/Docket#98N-0044, is totally unacceptable to me as an American consumer of dietary supplements. Any final rule must reflect the true meaning and intent, mandated by Congress, of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) of 1994. I support FDA's effort to fully implement DSHEA as intended by Congress, however I strongly object to the proposed regulations which:

- 1.) limit my access to (scientific) information about dietary supplements and health, and
- 2.) redefine disease restricting my ability to focus on preventive care and wellness.

It is extremely important to preserve Section 6 of DSHEA to allow for a robust flow of valuable health information in the marketplace.

I want free access to available information about dietary supplements and health, and I want FDA to withdraw its proposal to redefine disease in a way that limits such health information.

DSHEA allows products to make structure/function claims on the product labels. Redefining disease to nullify that part of DSHEA must be withdrawn.

I want free access to all available health information so that I may use my own discernment to focus on the preventative health care that I deem appropriate.

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